SPG Cover to the Sons/Daughters of former PMs

846. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money spent on security of all the former PMs and their sons/daughters annually during the last three years;

(b) whether the policy of providing SPG cover to the sons/daughters of the former PMs is proposed to be/has been reviewed; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) The amount of money spent on the security of all the former Prime Ministers and their immediate family members cannot be specifically identified as the expenditure on Wings of security like Technical, Communication, Training, Motor, Transport, Workshop and Adminstration in the SPG are common for all protectees.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. On 18.11.99 President of India promulgated, the SPG (Amendment) Ordinance. The Ordinance does not contemplate any change in the policy of providing security to the former Prime Ministers and their family members for a period of ten years, except where a former Prime Minister declines the SPG cover, provided to his immediate family members will also stand withdrawn. However, beyond ten years SPG cover would be provided to the former Prime Minister and members of their immediate family if it is justified on the basis of threat perception in their cases.

A Bill to replace the Ordinance has already been introduced and passed by the Rajya Sabha.

Fencing of Karimganj Border

847. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether blueprint on fencing of Karimganj border with Bangladesh has been prepared; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and measures taken to check ISI menace?